

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2013-20  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 259**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWARD L. "ED" WILLIAMSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Edward L. "Ed" Williamson was born on June 6, 1923, in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina, to C. E. Williamson, Sr. and Lillie McLelland Williamson; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson received a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1947 and a law degree from the Duke University School of Law in 1953; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson's education was interrupted during college when he served for three years in the United States Navy during World War II and again during law school when he was called into active service during the Korean War; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson began his law career in the Town of Chadbourn and later in the City of Whiteville; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson served as legal counsel of the Columbus County Schools, the City of Whiteville, and Southeastern Community College for more than 20 years; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Pembroke State University (now University of North Carolina at Pembroke) and as past president of the Chadbourn Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson was a founder of the Columbus National Bank and the First Investors Savings and Loan; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson served one term in the North Carolina General Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives in 1959; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson was inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association General Practice Hall of Fame in 1995 and recognized as a 50-year practicing attorney by the North Carolina State Bar in 2003; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson was an active member of Whiteville United Methodist Church, where he served as lay leader and chair of the administrative board; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson was married to the late Sara Benton Williamson and the late Grace Pope Edwards Williamson; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson died on February 10, 2013, at the age of 89; and

Whereas, Ed Williamson is survived by his sons, Edward L. "Ren" Williamson Jr. and Carlton F. Williamson; one stepdaughter, Lucilla E. Hudson; one stepson, John Raymond Edwards, III; and five grandchildren, Alice C. Williamson, Van Williamson, Christina Williamson, Emily J. Williamson, and Forrest Williamson; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Edward L. Williamson and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his community, State, and nation.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Edward L. Williamson for the loss of a beloved family member.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Edward L. Williamson.



**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives